EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Michael W. Taylor (Reg. No. 43,182) on 23 July 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claims have been amended:

21.   An intranet for processing a visitor request for a visitor visiting an organization,

the intranet comprising:

at least one computing device <u>storing</u> ~~comprising~~ a plurality of software

modules, said plurality of software modules comprising

a first software module for filling-out and submitting a visitor request form

within the organization, the filled-out visitor request form being submitted over the

intranet only within the organization;

a second software module for creating a visitor database on the visitor

based upon information provided in the filled-out visitor request form;

a third software module for transmitting a visitor approval request

message via e-mail to at least one evaluator within the organization based upon the

visitor database if approval is required, the visitor approval request message having a

hyperlink to the filled-out visitor request form; and

a fourth software module for submitting an approval recommendation by

the at least one evaluator for updating the visitor database.

24.   An intranet according to Claim 21 <u>wherein said at least one computing device</u>

further <u>stores</u> ~~comprising~~ a fifth software module for issuing a visitor badge based upon

a validated filled-out visitor request form.

26.   An intranet according to Claim 21 wherein if a user filling-out and submitting the

visitor request form is not hosting the visitor, then <u>said at least one computing device</u>

~~the intranet~~ further <u>stores</u> ~~comprises~~:

a sixth software module for identifying a host of the visitor in the filled-out visitor

request form, and transmitting a visitor certification request message via e-mail to the

host, the visitor certification request message having a hyperlink to the filled-out visitor

request form; and

a seventh software module for submitting a certification recommendation by the

host via e-mail for updating the filled-out visitor database.

31.   An intranet according to Claim 21 <u>wherein said at least one computing device</u>

further <u>stores</u> ~~comprising~~ an eighth software module for transmitting a status message

via e-mail to a user filling-out and submitting the visitor request form.

32.   A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure <u>and a</u>
<u>program,</u>

     <u>the data structure</u> comprising:

        a first data field containing data representing a visitor request form for a
visitor visiting an organization, the filled-out visitor request form being submitted over an
intranet only within the organization;

        a second data field containing data representing an e-mail message
having a hyperlink to the data representing the filled-out visitor request form, the e-mail
message to be transmitted to at least one evaluator within the organization if approval is
required; and

        a third data field containing data representing an approval
recommendation by the at least one evaluator, the comments to be transmitted via ~~e-mail~~ <u>e-mail;</u>

     <u>wherein the program uses the first, second and third data fields for causing a</u>
<u>user computer connected to the intranet to process the visitor request over the intranet</u>
<u>for the visitor visiting the organization.</u>

33.   A computer-readable medium according to Claim 32 <u>wherein the data structure</u>
further <u>comprises</u> ~~comprising~~:

     a fourth data field containing data representing a database on the visitor based
upon information provided in the filled-out visitor request form; and

a fifth data field containing data for updating the visitor database.

34.   A computer-readable medium according to Claim 32 <u>wherein the data</u> <u>structure</u> further <u>comprises</u> ~~comprising~~ a sixth data field containing data for validating the filled-out visitor request form if all evaluators approve.

35.   A computer-readable medium according to Claim 32 <u>wherein the data structure</u> further <u>comprises</u> ~~comprising~~ a seventh data field for containing data for issuing a visitor badge based upon a validated filled-out visitor request form.

37.   A computer-readable medium according to Claim 32 wherein if a user that created the visitor request form is not hosting the visitor, then the <u>data structure</u> ~~computer-readable medium~~ further comprises:

an eighth data field for containing data for identifying a host of the visitor in the filled-out visitor request form;

a ninth data field for containing data representing an e-mail message having a hyperlink to the data representing the filled-out visitor request form, the e-mail message to be transmitted to the host; and

a tenth data field for containing data representing a certification recommendation by the host, the comments to be transmitted via e-mail.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art disclosed a networked kiosk, placed within the organization for collecting information about visitors wanting to visit the organization, in which the visitors submit their information at the kiosk within different forms, and this information is emailed to the person being visited with the use of hyperlinks (see Hull et al, US 6,976,032; col. 1, lines 40-56; col. 2, lines 55-67; col. 3, lines 35-50; col. 4, lines 40-50; col. 8, lines 49-55). The prior art also disclosed the person being visited being enabled to send emails to the kiosk regarding visitors (see Hull, col. 9, line 60 through col. 10, line 25). However, the prior art did not disclose, in addition to the rest of the claim limitations, creating an entire visitor database for a visitor based on the filled out visitor information and submitting an approval recommendation by at least one evaluator via email for updating the visitor database.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Bret Dennison whose telephone number is (571)272-3910. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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